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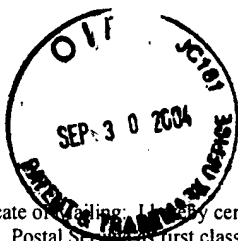
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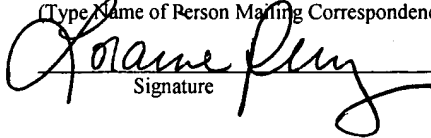
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, the Office's attention is directed to the patents listed on the attached PTO-1449. A copy of each of the listed documents is enclosed.

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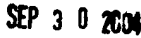
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